

WORKING FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, Friday's job report clearly reminds us that the number one issue remains jobs and the economy.

Every day the House majority fights for solutions to grow the economy by advancing an all-of-the-above energy plan, promoting a fair and simpler Tax Code, and making it easier for families and students to afford college.

On May 23, the House passed H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act, a bill based on the President's 2014 budget request that would provide a market-based interest rate for student loans and prevent the scheduled rate hike on July 1.

Rather than encouraging the Senate to join the House in this good-faith effort, the President chose politics over students and threatened a veto—for a solution that is based on his own proposal.

From student loans to reliable jobs, Americans want a strong economy and a more secure future. We can deliver on this, Madam Speaker, but only if the President starts leading and the Senate stops campaigning, and both start working for the greater good of the American people.

SUPPORT H.R. 1864

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, sexual assault in our military is nothing short of a crisis. We owe it to our men and women in uniform and to our veterans too to do all that we can in the United States Congress to prevent military sexual violence, improve medical services for survivors and hold attackers accountable.

We must safeguard those who report these crimes and ensure that they are not retaliated against for doing the right thing. That is why I am a proud sponsor of a bipartisan bill, H.R. 1864, which is included in the House National Defense Authorization Act we are voting on this very week.

Introduced by my good friends and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, Congresswoman JACKIE WALORSKI and LORETTA SANCHEZ, this important legislation would strengthen protections for whistle blowers who report sexual violence in the military.

This reform has bipartisan support in both Chambers, 102 cosponsors in the House and the strong backing of many of the new representatives who are focused on working across the aisle to actually get things done.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1864 and to continue working together to end sexual violence in our military.

JERRY NAUSS, A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I just want to recognize a true American hero, World War II veteran Jerry Nauss.

After enlisting in the U.S. Army shortly after Pearl Harbor, Jerry served for the duration of the war in the 1st Infantry Division, nicknamed the Big Red One. He served as a wire troubleshooter and risked his life time and time again to ensure that communication lines remained intact.

Jerry was a native Minnesotan, led a distinguished military career and exhibited immense bravery landing on the beaches of Normandy on D-day and fighting through Europe, including in the Battle of the Bulge.

Because of his heroic actions, Jerry has now been named a Knight of the Legion of Honor by French President Hollande. The Legion of Honor is the highest decoration in France and commemorates remarkable military service.

It is important that we always remember our Nation's veterans and keep those who still serve in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to thank Jerry Nauss for his service and congratulate him on a much deserved honor. You make Minnesota proud.

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CONGRATULATIONS, PALACE MALICE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, when Dogwood Stable's Palace Malice of Aiken, South Carolina, won the 145th running of the Belmont Stakes Saturday, he fulfilled all the promise that Dogwood's president, Cot Campbell, foresaw in the colt. As Palace Malice crossed the finish line with a defining first place victory, the people of Aiken County, identified by The New York Times as one of the world's greatest equestrian centers of excellence, were overjoyed by the horse's accomplishment.

Congratulations to W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell, president of the Dogwood Stable, and his wife, Anne; his partners, Paul Orefice, Mike Schneider, Margaret Smith, Carl Myers, and Charlie Pigg; Todd Pletcher, who trained the award-winning horse for the race after he departed Aiken; jockey Mike Smith, who rode Palace Malice to victory; and Brad Stauffer, the individual responsible for training the horse over the Aiken Training Track.

Palace Malice continues a winning tradition to be trained over the Aiken Training Track and win the third jewel

of Thoroughbred Racing's Triple Crown as Danzig Connection won the Belmont Stakes in 1986. The Aiken Standard today correctly identified this as "a win for every single Aiken resident."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1960, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1256, SWAP JURISDICTION CERTAINTY ACT

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-104) on the resolution (H. Res. 256) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1256) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last week New Jersey lost its senior Senator, and the Senate lost its last remaining World War II veteran when Senator Frank Lautenberg passed away at the age of 89. He died from complications from viral pneumonia in New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Since then, on this floor on multiple occasions, in the United States Senate, throughout the State of New Jersey, and, frankly, across the Nation, all of us have paused to express our deepest respect for Senator Lautenberg and sorrow on his passing. To Senator Lautenberg's family—his wife, Bonnie, his six children, and his 13 grandchildren—please accept our deepest condolences and our prayers.

Senator Lautenberg served five terms in the U.S. Senate on behalf of the people of the State of New Jersey. He was first elected to the Senate in 1982, re-elected in 1988 and 1994. After a brief retirement, Senator Lautenberg made